



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**South Carolina Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service’s South Carolina Field Office, there were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 3, 2016. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.52 inches of rain up to 2.98 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low to high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the mid 50s.

**County Extension Comments**

The past week had cooler temperatures and a few days of rain. Rain has stopped progress in some areas of the county. Producers are trying to get corn in the ground. Livestock seems to be doing well with the return of fescue. Some cattle farmers have reported loss of fescue acres from the past drought that occurred in 2015.

**Brandon Lambert, Kershaw County, District 20**

Corn planting is underway. Some tobacco has been transplanted. We have very little wheat planted this year due to the excessive rains back in the fall. However, some wheat looks great, while some is struggling with powdery mildew and nutrient issues. Most of the wheat in the county has started jointing.

**William Hardee, Horry County, District 30**

Corn was planted at a rapid pace up until rains late last week. Expect farmers to make a push to finish majority of corn acres by end of the week. Wheat is heading but head emergence is uneven due to lack of cold weather.

**Jonathan Croft, Orangeburg County, District 50**

Peaches have about finished blooming and are leafing out. Corn planting is continuing as weather and soil conditions permit. About half of the planted corn has emerged. Watermelons have been transplanted and appear in good condition. No insect or disease problems reported in small grain crops. Rain on Friday and Saturday will stall field work and planting a couple of days if no more rain occurs.

**Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/03/16**

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted.....	30	NA	1	28
Corn - Emerged.....	15	NA	0	10
Cotton - Planted.....	0	NA	0	0
Peaches - Blooming.....	76	NA	NA	NA
Tobacco - Transplanted..	4	NA	0	3
Winter Wheat - Headed..	2	NA	0	10

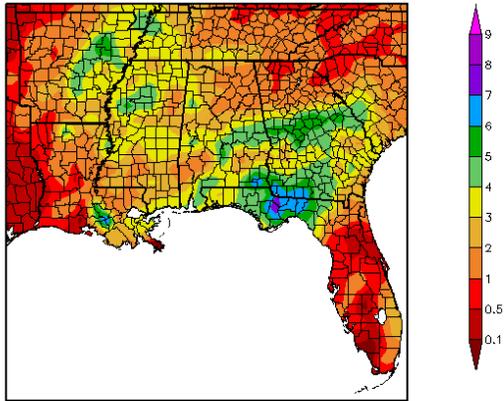
**Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/03/16**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	0	13	78	9
Oats .....	8	12	31	48	1
Pasture and range.....	0	0	15	77	8
Peaches.....	0	0	1	80	19
Rye .....	0	3	29	63	5
Winter Wheat .....	2	7	34	51	6

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/03/16**

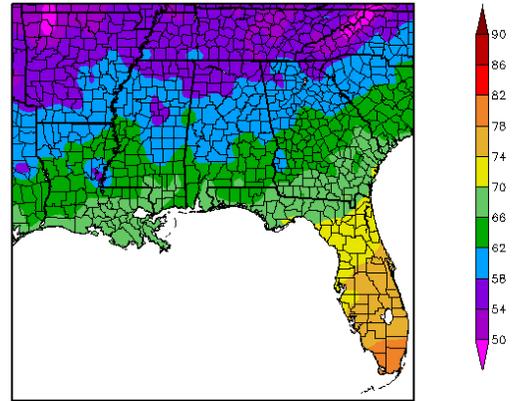
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	NA	2
Short.....	0	NA	11
Adequate.....	68	NA	72
Surplus.....	32	NA	15
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	NA	NA
Short.....	0	NA	NA
Adequate.....	70	NA	NA
Surplus.....	30	NA	NA

Precipitation (in)  
3/28/2016 - 4/3/2016



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Temperature (F)  
3/28/2016 - 4/3/2016

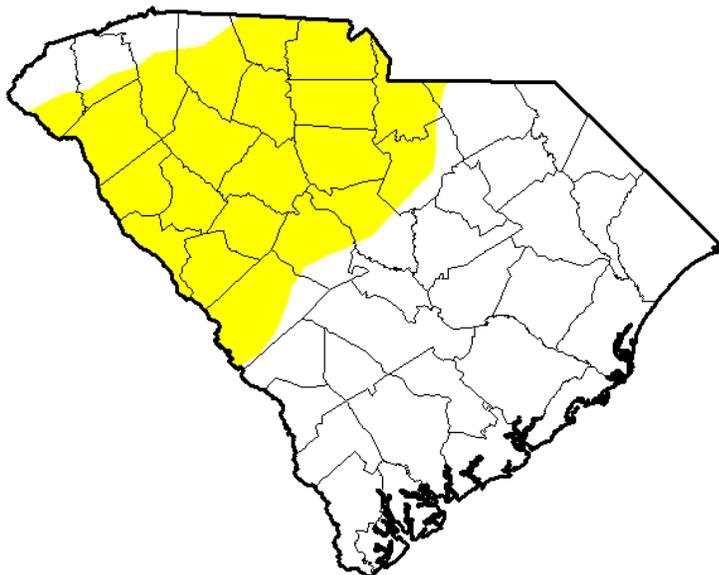


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[http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2015.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**March 29, 2016**  
(Released Thursday, Mar. 31, 2016)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	62.41	37.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 3/22/2016	85.02	14.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 12/29/2015	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/2/2016	99.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/29/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 3/31/2015	81.86	18.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

*Intensity:*

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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